

Udall Scholarship
Student Nomination Materials



THE **Morris K. Udall** FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



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Purpose

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation was authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Morris King Udall and his legacy of public service. The Foundation is supported by a special trust fund in the U.S. Treasury and contributions from the private sector.

Morris King Udall's career was distinguished by civility, integrity, and consensus. For three decades, Congressman Udall served his country with distinction and honor. His legacy has impacted this nation's environment, public lands, and natural resources, instilling in this nation's youth a love and respect for these resources. Congressman Udall also championed the rights of Native Americans and Alaska Natives and used his leadership in congress to strengthen tribal self-governance.

Consistent with these values, the Udall Foundation is committed to increasing awareness of the importance of the nation's natural resources. The Foundation pays tribute to the leadership, courage, and vision of Congressman Udall in the following ways:

- By establishing programs to encourage the continued use, enjoyment, and exploration of our nation's rich and bountiful natural resources.
- By training Native Americans and Alaska Natives in the areas of health care and tribal public policy.
- By training professionals in fields related to the environment.

Guidelines

The Udall Foundation furthers Congressman Udall's legacy by awarding approximately 80 scholarships of up to \$5,000 (and 30 scholarships of \$350 to honorable mention recipients) to outstanding students, to be known as Morris K. Udall Scholars. The awards will be made on the basis of merit to **TWO** groups of students:

- ① Those who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and who study the environment and related fields.
- ② Native American and Alaska Native students who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and are in fields related to health care or tribal public policy.

Two-year and four-year institutions are eligible to nominate a total of six students from either or both categories, although it is recommended that the total be equally divided between them. To be considered, a student must be nominated by his or her college or university using the official nomination materials provided to each institution.

Each scholar receives up to \$5,000, or the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board, whichever is less. Scholarship recipients are eligible for one year of support per application year. Scholarship monies not used during one academic year are not transferable to the succeeding academic year. Scholars selected during their sophomore year may be renominated during the next year's competition. Junior nominees may not be renominated. Freshmen are not eligible.

Who Is a Typical Udall Scholar?

Because environmental issues can be approached in a multidisciplinary way, the scholarship is offered to students from a broad range of disciplines. Majors have included environmental engineering, agriculture, biology and other natural sciences, natural resource management, political science, sociology, anthropology, geography, cultural studies, history, public policy, and pre-law. Likewise, Native American and Alaska Native scholars have come from such backgrounds as American Indian studies, political science, sociology, geography, anthropology, tribal policy, economic development, government, health care, health sciences, and health policy. It is anticipated that the candidate's plan of study will include coursework in ethics and public policy and/or public or community service experience in the area of the candidate's career field.



Other Considerations

In awarding the scholarships, consideration will be given to the student's field of study, career objectives, and the extent to which that individual has the commitment and potential to make a significant contribution to his or her field.

Conditions of Scholarship Eligibility

To be considered for nomination as a Udall Scholar, a student must adhere to the following criteria:

- Be a matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education at the time of nomination. "Sophomore" is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study beginning the next academic year. Students in two-year colleges who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate program at another institution may be nominated. "Junior" is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning the next academic year.
- Have a college grade-point average of at least "B" or the equivalent. It should be noted that this is only one of several qualifiers and that applicants will also be judged on the basis of other experience.
- Be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident alien, or, in the case of nominees from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, a U.S. national.
- In the case of scholarships in the areas of tribal policy and health care, nominees must be Native American or Alaska Native. For the purposes of the Udall Scholarship Program, a Native American or Alaska Native is any individual who is (1) a member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940 and any tribe recognized by the state in which the tribe or band resides; (2) a descendent, in first or second degree, of a member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band; (3) considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; or (4) an Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native. Documentation must be provided.

Nomination Procedures

All candidates must be nominated by their college or university. Each participating institution appoints a faculty representative to serve as a liaison between the institution and the Foundation. The Foundation will not solicit or accept applications directly from candidates. The Foundation invites student nominations from accredited two-year and four-year colleges and universities in the United States, including their branch campuses.

Scholarship Conditions

To be eligible to receive payments, a Udall Scholar must submit the following:

- An acceptance of the scholarship award.
- An agreement to attend the scholar orientation weekend, tentatively planned for August 6-10, 2003.
- A statement of eligible expenses, certified by the authorized financial officer of the enrolling institution, including those for tuition, fees, books, and room and board; an additional certification regarding the scholar's academic program; and other certifications as required by law or regulation.
- A completed Direct Deposit/EFT Enrollment form.
- Upon the completion of the Udall Foundation scholarship year, a narrative of approximately 300 words, accompanied by a recent photograph, for publication. The narrative will briefly describe benefits of the Udall scholarship.
- All official transcripts.

Payments from the Foundation may supplement, but not duplicate, benefits from other foundations, institutions, or organizations. The combined benefits from all sources may not exceed the costs of tuition, fees, books, and room and board as prescribed by the institution's cost-of-attendance budget.

Deadline

The Udall scholarship review committee must receive the completed nomination package for candidates from a faculty representative by March 3. Please note: internal deadlines at your institution may differ. Please contact your faculty representative.

Selection Procedures

An independent review committee will evaluate all complete and eligible nominations and select the most outstanding nominees.

Tips for Nominees

- Familiarize yourself with the Udall Foundation and the scholarship by exploring www.udall.gov.
- Start the nomination process early and put significant thought into your responses.
- Submit an application that is complete, neat, and accurate. Proofread, avoid small fonts, and use spellcheck.
- Fill in the application online at www.udall.gov or use a typewriter. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- Present thoughtful responses to the questions on the nominee information form. Relate experiences that support commitment to the goals of the program.
- Write a well-defined, focused career goal statement.
- Refrain from reiterating the same experiences throughout the application.
- Prepare a carefully constructed, well-researched response to the essay question. Research resources are available at www.udall.gov and at <http://dizzy.library.arizona.edu/branches/spc/udall/homepage.html>
- Select carefully those who will submit evaluations. The best evaluations are from faculty members in the candidate's field of study who know the candidate well and are able to attest to his or her accomplishments and potential. Form letters, lacking a personal knowledge of the candidate, reflect negatively on both the candidate and the institution. It would be helpful to aid them by submitting a resume and a list of reasons why the scholarship is a good fit.
- Nominees should submit official transcripts in a sealed envelope to Udall faculty representatives for submission with the rest of the nomination materials.

Important Dates

September

Scholarship nomination materials mailed to faculty representatives.

March 3

Receipt deadline for all nominations to scholarship review committee. Please note: internal deadlines at your institution may differ. Please contact your faculty representative.

Late March

Udall scholarship review committee meets to recommend scholars.

April

Announcement of Udall Scholars.

August

Scholar Orientation Weekend.

For more information regarding the scholarship nomination and selection process, contact:

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Privacy Act Advisory Statement

Pursuant to the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579), please be advised: Public Law 99-661 authorizes solicitation of this information. It may also be used to publicize your selection as a Udall Scholar. Furnishing the information is voluntary; however, failure to do so will prevent your consideration for a Udall scholarship.

Native American/Alaska Native

For the purposes of the Udall Scholarship Program, a Native American or Alaska Native is any individual who is (1) a member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940 and any tribe recognized by the state in which the tribe or band resides; (2) a descendent, in first or second degree, of a member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band; (3) considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; or (4) an Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native.

Nominees should submit copies of relevant enrollment forms or descent documentation. Nominees who are members of a tribal group that is not federally or state recognized should submit some type of membership documentation and a one paragraph personal statement explaining their descent.

Nomination Materials

This package contains forms necessary to affirm your candidacy and meet the requirements of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation. Upon completion, these materials must be submitted to your campus Udall faculty representative for submission with the Institution Nomination Form. See www.udall.gov for fillable format of all nomination materials.

- ① Complete and sign the **Nominee Information Form**. If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, list only those you consider most significant. Inserts and additional pages will not be accepted.
- ② Complete and sign the **Nominee's Essay** in which you should discuss, in 600 words or less, a significant speech, legislative act, or public policy statement by Congressman Udall and its impact on your field of interest and career goals.
- ③ Use the **Independent Evaluation of Nominee** forms to secure recommendations from three individuals who know enough about you to assess your personal characteristics, motivation, and commitment to the environment, Native American health care, or tribal public policy.

The best evaluations are those that come from faculty in your field of study or from individuals who have supervised your work. Evaluations from coaches, family or friends are generally of little value.

The letters of recommendation should be sealed in an envelope and returned by the evaluators directly to your faculty representative in sufficient time to meet the deadline for the submission of nomination materials. Letters of recommendation must be included with the other official nomination materials.
- ④ The **Nominee Survey** solicits data on race and/or national origins. This information is requested on a voluntary basis and will be used only for statistical purposes. This form, if submitted, will be detached from your application and will not be seen by the Foundation's independent review committee at any stage of its deliberations.
- ⑤ Submit official college transcripts to faculty representative.

Your Udall faculty representative will combine the above materials with the Institution Nomination Form and submit the complete package to the Udall scholarship review committee. Please check with your faculty representative about your institution's internal deadline. All materials must be submitted by the faculty representative. Nomination materials received directly from the student will not be considered. All nominations must be received from the faculty representative by March 3.

Nomination Information Form



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I, _____, understand that I have been nominated for a Morris K. Udall scholarship and affirm my wish to be considered. Permission is hereby given to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other requested information for consideration in the Morris K. Udall scholarship program. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties.

I affirm that I intend to pursue a career related to the environment, or that I am a Native American or Alaska Native and plan to pursue a career related to health care or tribal public policy.

I affirm that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date _____ Signature _____

Biographical Questionnaire (Please type)

The selection of scholarship recipients will be influenced by the completeness, neatness, and legibility of replies. This form and the essay must be typed or printed by computer within the indicated margins. See www.udall.gov for PDF fillable format of all nomination forms. Font size may not be smaller than 12 characters per inch, or 11 point. If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, list only those you consider most significant. Inserts and additional pages will not be accepted.

A. You, the Nominee

Legal name in full: _____
Last First M.I.

Legal address: _____
Street and Number City State Zip code

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female E-mail address _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Permanent telephone () _____

School telephone () _____

Are you: ☐ U.S. citizen ☐ U.S. national ☐ Resident alien
(Resident aliens must include a letter stating your intent to become a U.S. citizen and a copy of your Alien Registration Card.)

Which year are you in the current academic year, as defined on page 2 of this booklet? ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior

For Nominees in fields related to health care or tribal public policy:

Are you a Native American or Alaska Native? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please indicate how your status has been established and provide the documentation requested on page 4 of this booklet.

☐ Member of Indian tribe, band, or organized group: Tribe/Band/Group _____
Location _____

☐ Descendant of Tribal Member: Relation _____
Tribe _____

☐ Deemed by Secretary of the Interior

☐ Eskimo, Aleut or Alaska Native



B. Your Schooling

What is your undergraduate major(s)? _____

What is your cumulative GPA from all schools attended? _____ On a scale of: _____

How many credits does your school require for graduation? _____

How many total credits towards graduation have you earned as of January 1? _____

When do you expect your baccalaureate degree? _____

If you are currently enrolled in a two-year institution, what four-year institution do you plan to attend?

_____ ☐ I have applied. ☐ I have been admitted.

What graduate degree and field of study, if any, do you plan to pursue? _____

1 In one or two sentences, describe your career goal:

2 Beginning with the school you currently attend, list all schools you attended in the last four years, including any for summer or special courses. If more than four months elapsed between high school and entry into college, please state your activities during that time. Also, list any significant work completed more than four years ago.

School

Location

Dates attended

GPA/GPA scale

3 List courses in your major in which you are currently enrolled, in your major in which you plan to enroll before graduation, and environmental/health care/public policy/ethics courses outside your major in which you are currently enrolled or plan to enroll. List courses by title, not by catalog number used by your institution.

Courses in major/
currently enrolled

Courses in major/
plan to enroll

Environmental/health care/public policy/
ethics courses outside of major enrolled
or planned to enroll

4 List any awards, honors, or scholarships you have received.



C. Your Programs and Activities

- ① List any programs and activities in which you have participated at your school (such as clubs, publications, debate, dramatics, music, art, and student government). Place an * in front of those activities you consider most important.

College activity

Dates participated

Office held

High school activity

- ② Describe briefly any public service and community activities associated with your interests in the environment, Native American health care, or tribal public policy in which you regularly participate. Explain the duration, degree, and significance of your involvement. In addition, describe briefly any other skills or accomplishments you consider significant and relevant to this application.

- ③ List jobs (including summer employment) you have held in the past four years.

Job and kind of work
(summer/school year)

Employer

Dates of employment

Number of hours
worked per week

4 What are your professional aspirations? Indicate in which area(s) of the environment, Native American health care, or tribal public policy you are considering making your career and specify how your academic program and your overall educational plans assist you in achieving this goal.

5 Describe an activity or experience that has been important in clarifying or strengthening your commitment to the environment, Native American health care, or tribal public policy.

6 What additional personal information (not already addressed in the application) do you wish to share with the Udall scholarship review committee?

7 If you are a former Udall Scholar reapplying this year, please attach a brief statement describing your activities over this past year as a Udall Scholar and how an additional year of scholarship funding would benefit your studies and career goals.

Nominee's Essay



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In 600 words or less, discuss a significant public speech, legislative act, or public policy statement by Congressman Udall and its impact on your field of interest and career goals.

Your essay must be typed and confined to this form, and no smaller than 11 point font. Be sure to include your signature on the back of this page.

Signature _____ Date _____











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